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Okay... Nahal will send that brief response to the reporter. Thanks!

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Dear Bill,

I am sitting w/Angeles. Here is a proposed revised shorter version:

"We don't have additional information on this issue. Questions regarding the Navy's selection and oversight of its contractors at Hunters Point or at other locations are most appropriately addressed by the Navy."

If we get further questions, we could add:

"EPA is focused on ensuring that no current workers or residents at Hunters Point are exposed to hazardous materials and that future residents and workers are protected."

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Hi all,

I've put together a draft response to the CurbedSF reporter based on conversations with Lily and John plus materials supplied by Lily (including recent remarks by Enrique to the Bd of Supes).

As the reporter's timing, he said: Yes, I have to file a story on Monday. Maybe they can bump the publication date, maybe not, I will ask, but I am to file on Monday.

Subject: press inquiry -- Tetra Tech work at other radiologically impacted sites, connection to Hunters Point fraud

Hello everyone --

Following up on the phone conversation I had with Margot yesterday, working on a story about the contracting history of Tetra Tech, the company whose work at Hunters Point in San Francisco showed signs of fraud.

As you know, the company has won numerous government contracts since the problems at Hunters Point, including a \$240 million contract from the Navy to clean up other radiologically impacted sites on the west coast.

According to documents, one of the project managers who worked at Hunters Point, Bill Dougherty, also worked at radiological cleanup site in Washington.

What we want to know from the EPA is: Why did this company and this individual, who oversaw the work at Hunters Point that has been found by the EPA to show signs of fraud, go on to do other, similar work? Does this present a problem, and if so, why not? Are there are reasons to think that the further work done by Tetra Tech and overseen by Mr. Dougherty will be similarly be problematic? In its comments on the Navy's five-year review, the EPA cited great public lack of trust in the Navy's work. Does this help rebuild that trust?

Lastly, I am told that one of the Navy work orders to do soil work at the Parcel G retesting project is going to a company called Upside Radiological Services. One of the partners in that company also worked at the Tetra Tech project that is being redone -- in essence, one of the managers who oversaw the fraudulent project is coming back. Does that look good, does that help the public trust?

Let me know what you think of the above. Do you think we could hear back by EOB tomorrow? If not, what about Monday morning?

You can reach me at 415 525 1034.

Thanks,

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Draft response:

I'm afraid we don't have much additional information on this issue. Questions regarding the Navy's selection and oversight of its contractors at Hunters Point or at other locations are most appropriately addressed by the Navy.

EPA is focused on ensuring that no current workers or residents at Hunters Point are exposed to hazardous materials and that future residents and workers are protected. As part of our work with California regulatory agencies to enforce Navy compliance with cleanup requirements, EPA has been actively involved in the development of new work plans designed to address the uncertainty that now surrounds the site due to the earlier falsification of data. In addition to having staff on site during the planned retesting, we will independently take and analyze samples alongside the Navy to ensure the integrity of the data and restore public confidence in the cleanup.

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